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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN REQUEST FOR ADDITION OF ITEMS TO GSP

REFS: A) STATE 057706 B) STATE 50501
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1. EMBASSY SHOULD INSERT FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS IN LETTER
TO BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT OUTLINED IN REF A.

2. PARA 2 OF LETTER. I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT THIS
GSP REVIEW LED TO A DECISION TO MAKE NO CHANGES IN THE
DUTY STATUS OF THE PRODUCTS REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF BRAZIL (THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL WAS CO-PETITIONER
ON THESE PRODUCTS TOGETHER WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS).
THESE PRODUCTS WERE WOOD STICKS, OTHER (TSUS 206.87),
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RESISTORS (686.10), ELECTRONIC TUBES, OTHER (687.60),
AND BICYCLE FRAMES (732.30). THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH
THIS CONCLUSION WAS REACHED ARE DESCRIBED BELOW.

ONE ITEM REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL WAS LEFT
PENDING. EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO REVIEW THIS
ITEM WITHIN THE NEXT 90 DAYS. THE PENDING ITEM IS

TSUS 732.36 (BICYCLES PARTS, NOT FRAMES).

3. PARA 4 OF LETTER. THE TPSC IN REVIEWING YOUR REQUEST TO MODIFY THE DUTY STATUS ON WOOD STICKS DETERMINED THAT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN SERIOUS ADVERSE HARM TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY WHICH IS LOCATED IN A DEPRESSED AREA OF THE US IF THESE PRODUCTS HAD BEEN ADDED TO GSP. THE TPSC DETERMINED THAT BOTH BICYCLE FRAMES AND RESISTORS WERE IMPORT-SENSITIVE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF GSP. BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE GENERALLY ALREADY COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER EXPORTING COUNTRIES IN BICYCLE FRAMES. FURTHERMORE, IMPORTS OF RESISTORS HAD RISEN SIGNIFICANTLY IN BOTH 1976 AND 1977. REGARDING ELECTRONIC TUBES, TRANSISTORS THIS CATEGORY IS A LARGE BASKET CATEGORY WITH ABOUT 1 BILLION DOLLARS IN TRADE, THAT HAS EXPANDED GREATLY IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. AS A RESULT, AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE ONGOING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, THIS CATEGORY WILL BE DIVIDED UP INTO SEVERAL SEPARATE FIVE DIGIT TSUS NUMBERS. A US TECHNICAL COMMITTEE IS STILL WORKING ON THIS CHANGE. THUS, IT DID NOT SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR THE GSP SUBCOMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE ADDITION OF SOME OF THE ITEMS IN THIS BASKET CATEGORY AT THIS TIME BY "EXING-OUT" SOME PRODUCTS AND MAKING ONE OR MORE NEW FIVE DIGIT CATEGORIES WHICH MIGHT BE COMPLETELY UNCLASSIFIED

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DIFFERENT FROM THE CATEGORIES BEING ESTABLISHED FOR THE MTN. THEREFORE, FOR THIS PRODUCT ONLY, BRAZIL MAY RE-PETITION FOR ALL OR SOME OF THE NEW CATEGORIES ESTABLISHED FOR THE MTN WITHOUT HAVING TO DEMONSTRATE "CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES" AS REQUIRED BY THE REGULATIONS, SINCE THE PETITION WAS DENIED FOR ESSENTIALLY TECHNICAL REASONS. OF COURSE, ANY NEW PETITION MUST CONTAIN THE NORMAL INFORMATION REQUIRED OF ALL PETITIONERS BY THE REGULATIONS. THEREFORE, FOR THIS PRODUCT ONLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL MAY RE-PETITION.

4. PARA 6. INSERT WOOD STICKS, RESISTORS AND BICYCLE FRAMES IN PLACE OF THESE ARTICLES IN PARA 6. VANCE

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